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STATEHOOD FILIBUSTERED BY OWEN, DEMOCRAT

New Mexico is Compelled to Wait Until Special
Session for Recognition—State Officers May
Not be Seated Before January 1st, 1913

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Amid the wildest scenes ever enacted in recent years on the floor of the senate, New Mexico's immediate hope for statehood was strangled by the filibustering tactics of Senator Owen, of Oklahoma. All through Friday night the New Mexico matter formed the real basis for the obstructive tactics for Mr. Owen. He held the Tariff Board proposition in the balance so long, that it finally lost out when it got back to the House. The great government appropriation bills also hung in the balance until Mr. Owen had secured a rider to the House joint resolution admitting New Mexico by which Arizona was included. In view of the fact that Arizona had not complied with the enabling act in an official way, the Senate was compelled to submit to the dictation of the belligerent Senator from Oklahoma, and he held the floor until just before the expiration of the session, compelling President Taft to give him a promise that there would be an extra session of Congress. When this assurance had been received there was hardly time enough left to complete the appropriation bills and they were hustled through. Mr. Owens however succeeded in a vote upon the proposition to approve the action of both the Territories, and suffered defeat by a vote of 45 to 39.

Delegate Andrews led the fight all the way through, and would have won out had it not been for the unexpected attitude of the belligerent Owen, who afterwards explained that he had not previously confided his intentions to anyone, and that his filibuster was of his own conception, and made independent of any of his colleagues in the Senate. Mr. Andrews pointed out after the battle was over, that beyond the fact that there has ensued a delay, that the position of New Mexico is in no way effected, the enabling act being very clear in reference to the matter. The extra session will be here in less than a month, and with the obstacle of a time-limit removed Congress will take the matter up without delay, and give to the people of New Mexico their rights, independent of what may be the fate of the Arizona mix-up. The vote in the Senate would, however, indicate that Arizona is in rather a bad way, but this fact will have no bearing upon New Mexico's chances for early success. It is stated that the approval of the senate is in no ways required, and many Senators were of the opinion that the President will make further Congressional action unnecessary.

Undoubtedly the principal reason for coupling the two Territories in the filibustering tactics of Senator Owen was not one of principle so much as politics. New Mexico is admittedly Republican while the general impression in Washington is that Arizona is Democratic, and the close margin existing between the two parties in the Senate very likely instigated the attempt to force Arizona in, so that the two Republican Senators from New Mexico would be offset by two Democratic members from Arizona. But however this may be there is no question but what New Mexico is almost a state as this leaves the national capital, and whether the finishing touches will be put on the matter by the President or by Congress is a matter only of time.

—Attorney General Wickersham holds that the extra session of Congress may approve the constitution of New Mexico. If there is non-action then the first regular session beginning December,

should be the opportunity to disapprove. Friends of New Mexico in each House would prevent disapproval at the special or regular session and this will only delay statehood until January 1, 1913, when the state officers would take charge. Delegate Andrews and Judge A. B. Hall are in harmony on statehood and departmental matters are said to have reached an agreement on New Mexico matters.

Governor Mills returned home on Saturday.

Senator Penrose will be leader of the Republicans at the special session. Senator Owen is fighting the leader of the opposition, Senator Bailey and his friends and probably will control the democratic side.

Owen threatens that if President Taft disapproves the Arizona constitution, that he will have the House at the special session appoint a Democratic committee to investigate political and other conditions in New Mexico and will ask to be chairman of the committee so that the investigation be thorough and not merely formal. There is no likelihood of President Taft approving the Arizona constitution unless the recall of judges is eliminated.

MUST STAY OUT AT PRESENT.
Washington, D. C., March 6.—To callers Saturday afternoon President Taft expressed the opinion that the territory could not attain statehood by executive proclamation alone between the interim of the extra session and the regular session next fall, since the enabling act provides that "failure to disapprove" on the part of Congress is not operative until after the regular session following the ratification of the constitution by the people.

It is conceded among the law makers that the dissatisfaction with the Arizona constitution on the part of the President may have the effect of delaying New Mexico statehood through such tactics as were indulged in by Senator Owen.

In this event it will be July or August 1912, before the territory can become a state by executive proclamation and without the sanction of Congress and in that event, New Mexico will elect its state officers at the presidential election in 1912 and these will supersede the territorial officials on January 1, 1913.

The Arizona constitution has been referred by Taft to the attorney general for report.

Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, in his opening of the debate in the Senate, upon the Canadian reciprocity matter cried out against the "monstrous extravagance of the city" and continued to show how infinitesimal is the farmer's share in these prices. He pictured a reciprocity senator's visit in New York for a day and expressed his expenses in their equivalent in farm products. "As he leaves his cab (from the station to the hotel) he pays for fare, for having been driven, say, eight or ten blocks, six bushels of oats," Mr. McCumber continued, "and as a compliment to the driver for his very medium charge he tosses him fifteen heads of cabbage. He registers at the hotel and is shown by the bell boy to the elevator. As he nears the tenth story he responds to the expectant look of the elevator lad with a couple dozen eggs. The bell boy fingers at the door of his room and is rewarded for his anxiety over the comfort of

the guest with a bushel and half of barley. It takes a half a ton of hay for this senator's breakfast. And he gives the waiter two bushels of potatoes. His noon lunch is one sheep with a bushel and half of carrots for the waiter. In the evening he consumes four bushels of rye and the waiter has a bushel of onions to dream on. And when he settles for his room the landlord is the recipient of a half a carload of turnips."

The Japanese in the United States have just held a great meeting in Washington, the purpose of which was to remove the feeling in the United States of a deep seated prejudice in their country against America and Americans. They passed resolutions in which they say: "We believe, upon evidence which cannot be doubted, that there is not to be found in the Japanese empire any wish or thought than to maintain the most friendly and cordial relations with the republic of the United States, and that any representations to the contrary, wherever emanating and from whatever cause proceeding are baseless and, if uncontradicted, can only result in vast material losses to the people of both governments and in creating an unhappy prejudice between them."

In passing the sundry civil bill, carrying approximately \$140,000,000, the House of Representatives made a new record. Never before in memory of the Capitol attaches has the sundry civil bill, the biggest of all the supply bills, been put through the House in two days under the general rules and without a "gag" of any sort being resorted to. Constituting what is believed to be another new record, the House passed \$67,000,000 of the total in the sundry civil bill by "unanimous consent." Of this amount, the public items, \$21,000,000, were adopted without being read by the clerk. The general Panama Canal appropriations, amounting to nearly \$46,000,000 were passed without discussion or question of any sort. The item for the fortification of the canal was considered as an entirely separate provision.

Charles D. Norton who has been private secretary to President Taft and has resigned, is to become a protégé of J. P. Morgan, and will become first vice president of the First National Bank of New York, one of the principal institutions in the Morgan group.

Senators or Representatives who have extra copies of their speeches printed at the government printing office and neglect to pay the bills, hereafter will find the indebtedness deducted from their monthly salary checks according to a provision added to the sundry civil bill by the house. One member of the House is said to owe a bill of \$437 at the printing office, and the provision is believed to have been aimed at him, as well as to cover any dereliction of this sort in the future.

Sheep Man is Frozen

Carrizozo, N. M., March 6.—Bernard Barlag, a sheep man, was found dead in the malpais, seven miles from here Saturday by Captain Henley and George Lee. Justice Massie appointed a jury of six men who went out to the dead man's hut and held an inquest. The jury found that Barlag had died from unknown causes, but found no marks or signs of violence.

Supreme Court Ousts District Attorney Mann

Santa Fe, N. M., March 6.—Edward A. Mann, former judge of the New Mexico supreme court, has been ousted as district attorney for Bernalillo, Valencia and Sandoval counties by a decision of the New Mexico supreme court in the case of George S. Klock vs. Edward A. Mann. Mr. Klock had been removed by Governor Mills and Judge Mann was appointed in his place.

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